WHEREAS, Country music is a form of expression truly enjoyed by millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Country music is a form which is truly American in its style and communicates the true American spirit; and

WHEREAS, Country music is a true melting pot of many forms of American music featuring a direct and honest presentation; and

WHEREAS, Country music has been a great source of historical discovery and has added much to the American culture; and

WHEREAS, Members of the country music industry continue to bring joy and happiness to the hearts of all who love this style; and

WHEREAS, The month of October has once again been recognized as International Country Music Month:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October as

COUNTRY MUSIC MONTH IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and call upon all South Dakotans to recognize the contributions the members of the country music industry have made to our society, and to join with them in celebrating this occasion, and to continue in their support of the country music movement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 29th day of August, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE